



CAH QI Coordinator Meeting February 2015

Upcoming meetings/educational programs from the Iowa Hospital Association:

- **IHA Legislative Day** – February 25, Veterans Memorial Convention Center Ballroom, Des Moines
- **Safe Opioid Medication and Blood Transfusion Use: A CMS Update** - March 3, Webinar
- **Critical Access and Rural Hospital Forum** – March 5, Holiday Inn & Suites Jordan Creek, West Des Moines
- **Hospital Readmission and Coding Impact** – March 5, Webinar
- **The Alphabet Soup of Patient Satisfaction** – March 11, Webinar
- **ICD-10 Refresher Course** – March 20 or August 5, Kelley Conference Center, UnityPoint Iowa Methodist Medical Center, Des Moines
- **IHA Governance Forum** – April 10, Hilton Garden Inn, West Des Moines

Check out these and more at the [IHA Web site](#).

IHA DATABANK Quality Improvement Program Launched

3Q 2014 quarterly data submission for the IHA DATABANK Quality Reporting Program is wrapping up. This will be followed in a quicker turn-around time with 4Q 2014.

Medication Errors, AMI Care in ED and Chest Pain Care in ED were moved from the old website to be incorporated into the IHC HEN data collection tool. Much like the past, a preview period will enable hospital contacts to verify data accuracy.

IHA Strategic Plan to Address Quality/Patient Safety

Jennifer Nutt, RN, BSN, has joined the IHA quality team. IHA is ramping up in the areas of quality from an education, advocacy and information. We welcome Jennifer! IHA will continue to support IHC programming and provide data assistance to IHC. In 2015, IHA will be working on antimicrobial stewardship and looking for opportunities to provide enhanced education opportunities for quality professionals.

IHA Announces Intent to Investigate a New Data Resource for Iowa Hospitals

IHA/IHC are in an exploratory phase of development for a Quality Reporting platform. The intent is provide Iowa hospitals with resources to aid in navigating the national and state patient safety, quality and reimbursement impacts of patient care. Watch for news as the design is rolled out later this year.

IHA Legislative Positions

[Find IHA position papers](#) posted on the IHA website along with the legislative agenda (2015 agenda available soon). Current papers include:

- Medicaid Expansion
- Medicaid Expansion: A Response to Oppositional Statements

- Medicaid Expansion: Facts and Myths
- Oversight of Ambulatory Surgery Centers
- Behavioral Health Delivery System
- Hospital Operations
- Certificate of Need

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